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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/19/07

SPONSOR Lujan, B. LAST UPDATED _____ HB 922

SHORT TITLE Hemophilia Awareness Day SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	undetermined		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 922 relates to public holidays; and, requests the governor declare the second Monday in June of each year “Hemophilia Awareness Day”.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The fiscal impact is unknown and based on if the second Monday in June of each year is being set aside as a public or legal holiday.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

A public holiday or legal holiday is a holiday endorsed by the state. “Public holidays” can be either religious, in which case they reflect the dominant religion in a country, or secular, in which case they are usually political or historical in inspiration. "Legal holiday" is the predominant term used within the United States; and, both federal holidays and state holidays are usually observed.

Awareness days, on the other hand, are dates usually set by major organizations or governments to commemorate an idea of importance on a state, national or international level.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Any performance implications or impact on state public or private agencies will be determined if

the second Monday in June of each year is being set aside as a public or legal holiday.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The body of the bill does not reflect the content within the title of the bill. The body of the bill declares the date an “awareness day”; whereas, the title of the bill suggests a “public holiday”.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The NIH reports that Hemophilia is a rare inherited bleeding disorder in which the blood does not clot normally. When clotting factors are missing, or your body does not have enough of these factors, it can take a long time for your blood to clot after an injury or accident. They also may bleed internally, especially in the joints (knees, ankles, and elbows). About 18,000 people in the United States have hemophilia. Each year, about 400 babies are born with the disorder. Hemophilia usually occurs only in males (with very rare exceptions).

ALTERNATIVES

Enact a memorial, designating the second Monday in June of each year “Hemophilia Awareness Day” in New Mexico.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The second Monday in June of each year will not be declared “Hemophilia Awareness Day”.

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